



TS6324US
SNO:SWT

Appl/IFW

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on or before the date shown below

Eugene R. Montalvo
Eugene Montalvo
Date: 6 Nov 2006

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)	
)	
Robert Andrew Alford et al.)	
)	
Serial No. 10/500,316)	Group Art Unit: 1725
)	
Filed June 28, 2004)	Examiner: Michael Aboagye
)	
METHOD FOR INTERCONNECTING)	October 10, 2006
TUBULARS BY FORGE WELDING)	
)	
<hr/>		
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS		
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450		

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED 20 September 2006

Dear Sir:

Attorney for Applicant in the above-captioned application hereby responds to the Final Office Action mailed 20 September 2006. At the time the Office Action issued, claims 1 to 24 were pending.